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RE: Formal DOT Scoping for the Proposed US 70 Havelock Bypass in Craven
County TIP# R-1015

Dear Jay:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation on July 22, 1992, advising I would not be able to attend the scoping meeting on July 29 for the above project. We do have the following comments concerning this project:

1. This project will impact the following -
 - a. Woodland (Longleaf pine and low pocosin species).
 - b. Red-Cockaded Woodpecker habitat.
 - c. Wetlands (Pocosin types).
 - d. Sensitive plants and birds.
2. We would hope that the final alignment design would not create any unmanageable strips of timber for the U.S. Forest Service on the Croatan National Forest.
3. The proposed bypass would help to eliminate traffic problems for our emergency fire control equipment going to wildfires.
4. Since woodland is involved, the DEIS should also address the following -
 - a. The total forest land acreage that would be taken out of forest production as a result of new right-of-way purchases.
 - b. The productivity of the forest soils as indicated by the soil series that would be involved within the proposed project.